

**PATENT**

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3.20.31**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Hiromichi Nakata, *et al.*  
Serial No. : 09/837,480  
Filed : April 19, 2001  
For : FUEL CELL SEPARATOR, MANUFACTURING  
METHOD THEREOF AND FUEL CELL  
Group : 1745  
Examiner : Tracy Mae Dove

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 26, 2003, the Applicants hereby elect the invention exemplified by Group I. The claims readable thereon are claims 1-26. This election is made with traverse on the grounds that the Requirement fails to establish that examination of all claims would seriously burden the Examiner, as the Applicants note that the relationship between the claimed process and its product is so close that simultaneous searching of classes 427 and 429 would not be unduly burdensome.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4232 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

The Office is authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 related to this communication to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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